



## January 2026 Updates

### **Hello ORSPN CoP!**

I hope everyone had a much-deserved holiday break. Yes, second semester is here!

Here are some updates that may be of interest to you. Please share this information with your school team members.

### **2025 ORSPN Q&As**

I have been steadily working on questions submitted during the ORSPN regional meetings. Here is the first group of Q&As (Part 1) which have been peer reviewed. You can find this Q&A paper here: <https://www.orspn.net/faq>

**RELATED SERVICES AS SDI:** A previously posted Q&A posted on the ORSPN website regarding related services as SDI has been revised. Here is the link: <https://www.orspn.net/faq>. (Scroll down to *Previously Asked Questions*.)

### **OEC NOW HAS OFFICE HOURS**

The Office for Exceptional Children is now holding monthly office hours the last Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. and are geared to anyone in special education. Here is the link to

the ODEW webpage: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Office-of-Exceptional-Children-Contact-Information>

The first OEC Office Hours was held on October 29. The topic was Secondary Education School Personnel, presented by Amy Szymanski. Here are the details if you want to access more information about that meeting.

**PowerPoint:** [OEC Office Updates PowerPoint](#)

**Recording:** [OEC Office Updates](#)

There were no OEC Office Hours in November or December due to the holidays

[Next OEC Office Hours](#)

**Topic and Presenter:** tbd

**Date and Time:** January 28, 2026 - 3-4 p.m.

**Link to join:** coming soon. Use the above link to check for this Office Hour updates.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS**

Here are new PE standards for your reference.

[https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Physical-Education/Academic-Content-Standards-and-Evaluation-Instrume/PE\\_K-12\\_Standards\\_Final.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US](https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Physical-Education/Academic-Content-Standards-and-Evaluation-Instrume/PE_K-12_Standards_Final.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US)

## **PRESCHOOL RESOURCE**

Checkout this resource: Workload/caseload Guidance for Preschool Special Education

[https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/v1763571124/childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/Tuesday%20Times/2025/Spec\\_Ed\\_Workload-Caseload\\_Guidance.pdf](https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/v1763571124/childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/Tuesday%20Times/2025/Spec_Ed_Workload-Caseload_Guidance.pdf)

## **MSP UPDATES**

### **Register Today for the MSP Webinar!**

Join ODM on January 23 at noon to learn about the MSP updates!

ODM will host a webinar on Jan. 23, 2026 at 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. to talk with stakeholders about updates to the Medicaid School Program.

Register here to join the webinar on January 23!

[https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6420135707786130010?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6420135707786130010?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Please reach out to [MedicaidSchoolPrograms@Medicaid.Ohio.Gov](mailto:MedicaidSchoolPrograms@Medicaid.Ohio.Gov) with questions.

### **FAQ REGARDING MSP CLAIMING**

A question was submitted by a supervisor regarding the FBA and BIP as an allowable MSP service. The response describes allowable direct services (assessments and interventions) and indirect related activities (service plans, consultation, etc.) which are not allowable for MSP claiming. This information applies to all related service personnel. Here is the link on the ORSPN Website for the Q&A: <https://www.orspn.net/faq>

Thank you for all of the hard work you continue to do to support the learning and independence of all students. Stay warm!

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